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sent the husband to town for cotton and gauze and made up some good pads and sterilized them. Fortunately I had bichloride tablets with me and of course I boiled all water used. The location of the well was about as bad as it could be and, in addition, surface water from melting snow was running into it.

The husband, also aged 19, did the cooking and washing, there was nothing else for him to do, and the mother and baby and lack of convenience kept me fairly busy. This sounds as if it was all very hard work but in reality it was not, the anxiety for fear of septic conditions being the only disagreeable part of it.

During the day a small black puppy superintended matters, rocking the chair which held the baby by pulling at the comfortable with which it was covered, or sleeping under the chair. It usually accompanied me if I went out of doors, and to walk across the yard with a bed-pan in one hand, a pail of water in the other, with a puppy tugging at my skirts or trying to climb up them, was no easy matter. If I went out in the night, the black cat scampered after me.

Fortunately it was fairly warm weather; blue birds, meadow larks and robins were close about the house, and one morning I saw four deer feeding on the hillside opposite. The nights were cold, but an "air-tight stove" and plenty of wood kept the house cozy and warm.

After this, when I start off for a case in the country, I shall carry absorbent cotton and gauze, enough for a few days; though I think this case was unusual owing to the young woman's ignorance of what she needed.

AN EASTERN NURSE IN MONTANA.

DISPOSAL OF REFUSE

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DEAR EDITOR: I was on a case last summer in an apartment where I had no fire in the basement or elsewhere except a gas stove. I kept a covered pail for soiled dressings on the back porch. Every night after dark my patient's husband carried this to a vacant lot near by and burned the débris.

E. C. J.

II

DEAR EDITOR: In regard to the disposal of refuse in apartments, I would like to say to E. L. P. and other sister nurses that I found no difficulty in disposing of same. A great many houses have now continuous hot water, and there is the heater day and night, and a friendly talk with the janitor will bring what you desire; often you will find the open fireplace unused, but by just taking newspaper and lighting it towards the open chimney it can be cleared to burn rubbish.

About two years ago, on an obstetric case, I was requested by the attending physician to dispose of the placenta by putting it into the water-closet. I was horrified, but he laughingly assured me it would not come back. I finally did it and have done so on every obstetric case that finds me in the apartment house, regardless of the heater in the cellar or not, and have had no trouble nor heard of any disastrous results. I like to mention here that one must do it quickly and pull the chain as soon as the placenta is placed in the bowl, as the water is apt to overflow. I never tell the family and I have never been asked what I have done with it. Try it.

M. A. M.

"HOUSEKEEPING FOR TWO"

DEAR EDITOR: I, with others, want to thank Miss Hamman for her talks in the JOURNAL on "Housekeeping for Two." They are delightful for those of us who keep house, and although a number of nurses may be living together, it is seldom that more than two are at home at the same time, so it is gratifying to look in the JOURNAL for that month and find such help as to what to get and how much for two.

Miss Hamman's reasons for doing "so and so" are so clear and simple that one feels confident to prepare anything she suggests without the usual thought, "I wonder if it will be all right." Z., R.N.

BETTER INSTRUCTION NEEDED

DEAR EDITOR: Anent a recent complaint of careless spelling and pronunciation among nurses: The superintendent of nurses in a hospital under the auspices of the Episcopal Church, writes in her annual report that the course of training in her school has been "*altared*" to meet the requirements of the Nurses' Bill."

Is this the result of religion or carelessness? B.

A QUESTION

DEAR EDITOR: I wish through the JOURNAL I might learn what form the Nurses' Alumnae Associations use in taking in new members. A. J. L.

SOME USES OF THE JOURNAL

I

A RECENT illness has killed all my hopes of getting to St. Paul this spring. I must go to the convention by way of the JOURNAL. F. L. H.

II

I AM the only nurse in a town of 6000, and the JOURNAL is all I have to keep me in touch with my work. M. E. S.

III

I FEEL highly indebted to the JOURNAL and to all those who through the same so kindly contribute their knowledge and experience as well as their great anticipations. H. M. L.

A REPLY

DEAR EDITOR: I noticed J. E. W.'s request in the May JOURNAL, and would say in reply that I have heard recently that there is a demand for nurses at Highmore, South Dakota. It is a county seat town of 1000 and is growing. Inquiries should be addressed to Dr. I. M. Burnside at the above address. Trusting that this information may be of use. E. V. R., R.N.

A CORRECTION

DEAR EDITOR: I hasten to correct a mistake in regard to the amount of quinine used in that old Scotch formula for the relief of flatulency. The formula is water, one ounce; whiskey, two drachms; quinine, three grains. S. T. L.